

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

KAMLESH BANGA,
Plaintiff,

v.

EQUIFAX INFORMATION SERVICES
LLC,
Defendant.

Case No. 14-cv-03038-WHO

**ORDER REQUIRING PARTIES TO
MEET AND CONFER REGARDING
DISCOVERY DISPUTE**

Re: Dkt. Nos. 57, 64

On September 30, 2015, plaintiff filed a motion seeking to compel defendant to provide further responses to plaintiffs' first set of interrogatories. Dkt. No. 57. On October 7, 2015, defendant responded with its own motion, this one seeking to compel plaintiff to respond to defendant's first set of interrogatories, first set of requests for production of documents, and first set of requests for admission. Dkt. No. 64. The parties set their respective motions to compel for hearing on November 11, 2015 and November 12, 2015, neither of which is a date on which I am hearing civil motions. *See* Standing Order for Civil Cases § 3 ("Scheduling").¹ Not to mention that I do not hear discovery motions until after the parties have filed a joint letter describing their dispute. *See* Standing Order for Civil Cases § 4 ("Discovery Disputes").

The parties appear unable either to communicate effectively with one another or to comply with the rules regarding discovery disputes stated in my Standing Order for Civil Cases.² *Id.* This is unacceptable.

¹ Available at <http://cand.uscourts.gov/whoorders>.

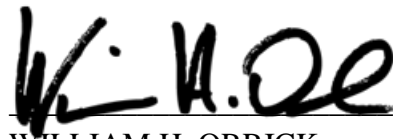
² I recognize the efforts plaintiff has made to comply with the Standing Order. *See, e.g.*, Dkt. No. 62 at 3. Nevertheless, the proper course under the Standing Order would have been to submit "a brief individual statement of two pages or less" including a description of the discovery dispute, a "certification of compliance with the meet and confer requirement," and "an explanation of why a joint statement was not possible." Standing Order for Civil Cases § 4.

Within ten days of the date of this Order, the parties shall hold an in-person, face-to-face meet and confer regarding their motions to compel and any other outstanding discovery issues. If the parties are unable to agree on a time and place for the meet and confer, they shall hold it at 9:00 a.m. on October 20, 2015 in the attorney lounge on the 18th Floor of the Phillip Burton Federal Building, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102. Within five days of the date of the meet and confer, the parties shall submit a joint letter pursuant to my Standing Order either stating that their dispute is resolved or describing any points of disagreement that remain. The meet and confer shall last a minimum of two hours or until each issue is resolved or defined clearly enough that a useful joint letter can be presented to the Court.

The briefing schedules and hearings on the parties' respective motions to compel are VACATED. After receiving the parties' joint letter, I will decide whether further briefing or a hearing is necessary.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: October 13, 2015



WILLIAM H. ORRICK
United States District Judge